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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARKS BERNIE WARD COMMUNITY CENTER

The Bernie Ward Community Center was dedicated on December 27, 1978. It was conceived back in October of 1976 through local public works funding of Economic Development Administration grants. The center includes a gymnasium with seating capacity for 600, dressing rooms, a game room and a 1250 square foot exercise room and community club room. Funding for the \$450,000 construction was approved in September of 1977. The facility was named after R.B. "Bernie" Ward. In 1941, Mr. Ward became the Assistant Coach at Richmond Academy after moving to Augusta with his wife, Mrs. Winabee Hardy Ward. He served as head coach during the war coaching football, baseball and basketball for boys and girls the Academy and the Jr. College. In 1945, he became the Principal of Fleming School (which is now the Alleluia Community School on Peach Orchard Road) and continued to coach. As the Fleming area began to grow, there was a need for activities for the young people. Mr. Ward assisted with organizing scout troops, a



teen club and a community building. He organized ball teams involving hundreds of kids during the summer months. This went on for about 10 years.

As the interest grew, the county commission, under the leadership of Mike Padgett, appointed a committee of citizens to study the recreational needs of the community.

Mr. Ward was named the 1st County Recreation Director with Ed McIntyre as his assistant. Recreation centers were established in many areas of the county. The summer program was expanded and lighted fields were constructed at Fleming, Eisenhower Drive and Sue Reynolds. All of this was done on a budget of \$8000—\$10,000. Just outside of the Bernie Ward Center is a swimming pool and the

Fleming Complex which has four (4) fields used for football, softball and baseball.

Today, the facility offers swim lessons, open swim, dance classes, cake Decorating classes, Day camps, Kids Night Out, after school

programs, Mud Puppies (an art program for children ages 2 –5) and much more. In addition to the many basketball games that are played there, the facility has a game room with has a pool table, an exercise and weight room plus a steam room. The center can also be rented for occasions such as family reunions, birthday parties private functions and weddings.

For more information on the programs offered call the Bernie Ward Center at (706) 790-0588.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

TOM F. BECK, JR.

Bernie Ward Community Center has been an important recreational facility for Augusta and Richmond County since 1979. Named after the first Recreation Director in Richmond County, Mr. R.B. "Bernie" Ward, the facility has played a vital role in the enhancement of leisure opportunities in south Augusta. From youth basketball leagues, to fitness classes, to after school programs, to summer day camps – the facility has provided a home to thousands of participants through the years, and continues to be one of the most utilized in our park system.



Fleming Complex

The Bernie Ward Community Center
Architects—H.W. Duffie, General Contractors



Fleming Pool

Bernie Ward Community Center
1941 Lumpkin Road
Augusta, Georgia 30906



Fun For The Entire Family
Call (706) 790-0588
For More Information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10	McBean Senior Valentine Dance	McBean Center
February 13	Senior Adult Valentine Ball	Julian Smith Casino
February 20	Registration for Boys Baseball / Girls Softball	Athletic Offices
March 6	Volunteer Banquet	Julian Smith Casino
March 17	Special Olympics	Cross Creek HS
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Augusta Common
April 22	Local Track - Boys & Girls	Cross Creek HS
May 5 - 6	GRPA State Track	Westside HS

For a copy of the 2006 Master Calendar for Augusta Recreation and Parks

Check us out on the web site - www.augustaga.gov

For more information about any program or event call 796-5025.

Augusta Recreation and Parks—Always Where The Fun Is

COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2005 Volunteer/ Instructor/ Official of The Month Award Winners

The 2005 Volunteer / Instructor / Official of The Year will be announced at the Volunteer Roundup on March 6, 2006

January Volunteer of the Month
Unicetine Lewis
Sand Hills Community Center



February Instructor of the Month
Chandra Philo
Brigham Swim Center

March Volunteer of the Month
Shaun Bradley
West Augusta Athletics Division



April Volunteer of the Month
Willie Nero

May Volunteers of the Month
Buffalo Soldiers
Carrie J. Mays Center



July Instructor of the Month
Ruth Mead
Warren Road Center



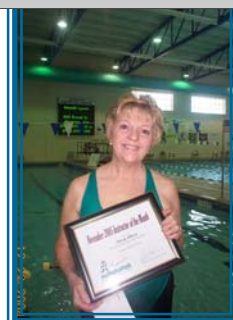
August Instructor of the Month
Bob Pearson
McBean Community Center

September 2005 Volunteer of the Month
Virginia Jenkins
Blythe Community Center



October Instructor of the Month
Sgt. 1st Class Trussie Bristow
McDuffie Woods Community Center

November Instructor of the Month
Sharry Allision
Augusta Aquatic Center



December Volunteer of the Month
D'Warren Daniles
Sand Hills Community Center

Volunteers play an integral part in all of our events and programs. We are constantly looking for volunteers for our youth athletic programs, special events, tournaments, community center assistance, and in various other capacities. For more information pertaining to Volunteering with our department please contact us at (706) 796-5025.

In order to reward the volunteers and instructors of the Augusta Recreation and Parks for exceptional performance and as incentive to continue to serve, each month, one (1) Volunteer or Instructor of the Augusta Recreation and Parks will be honored and will receive a framed certificate and personalized letter of congratulations from the Director.

Augusta Boxing Club Champions

RAY WHITFIELD:

Ray has been boxing since 1994 with the Augusta Boxing Club. He was a member of the 2003 United States Pan-American Team. He was the 2004 United States Olympic Trials Silver medalist and was ranked #1 by the United States Olympic committee from 2001-2004. Ray is an undefeated professional boxer.

Cristy Terherst

Cristy Terherst is a professional boxer and certified coach.

She fights all over the country and world (Beijing, China).

She is ranked in the top five in the world. She is the General Manager of the ABC and teaches boxing classes. Cristy holds a degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Memphis.

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We Need Your Help

Team Sponsorships

A Great Way To Advertise Your Business

*Support The Youth
of
Augusta - Richmond County*



Sponsorship Levels

Platinum Level	20 team sponsorships / year	\$2,000.00	
	3 Recreation Department Golf Shirts / 1 Recreation Department Jacket		
	5 Rounds of golf with cart	2 Recreation Department Caps	Sponsor Plaque(s) with Team Pictures
	Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms		
Gold Level	12 team sponsorships / year	\$1,500.00	
	2 Recreation Department Golf Shirts / 1 Recreation Department Jacket		
	4 rounds of golf with cart	2 Recreation Department Caps	Sponsor Plaque(s) with Team Pictures
	Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms		
Silver Level	8 team sponsorships / year	\$1,200.00	
	1 Recreation Department Golf Shirt / 1 Recreation Department Jacket		
	3 Rounds of golf with cart	1 Recreation Department Cap	Sponsor Plaque(s) with Team Pictures
	Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms		
Bronze Level	6 team sponsorships / year	\$1,000.00	
	1 Recreation Department Golf Shirt	1 Recreation Department Cap	
	2 Rounds of golf with cart		Sponsor Plaque(s) with Team Pictures
	Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms		
Nickel Level	4 team sponsorships / year	\$800.00	
	1 Recreation Department Cap	1 Round of golf with cart	Sponsor Plaque(s) with Team Pictures
	Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms		

For Each Team Sponsored You Will Receive

Company name will be screened on the team shirts
The sponsored team schedule
The sponsored team picture plaque
Sponsor Perks are included in all levels of sponsorship
Name of sponsor posted on Sponsor Board in gyms.



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